

Senate Resolution 995

By: Senators Thompson of the 33rd, Harp of the 29th, Carter of the 13th, Hill of the 4th and Adelman of the 42nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and congratulating the Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency on the occasion
2 of its 100th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 1906, the General Assembly passed an Act creating the Office of the Food
4 and Drug Inspector, set forth its duties, and assigned the position to the Georgia State
5 Department of Agriculture; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1908, the Georgia General Assembly passed another Act, separating the
7 Office of the Chief Drug Inspector from the Office of the Food Inspector, and provided that
8 the Commissioner of Agriculture should appoint, upon recommendation of the Georgia State
9 Board of Pharmacy, a Chief Drug Inspector; and

10 WHEREAS, T. A. Cheatham, a pharmacist, was appointed as the first Chief Drug Inspector
11 whose time was at the disposal of the Commissioner of Agriculture and whose duties were
12 to visit and inspect establishments where drugs were manufactured or sold, to report any
13 violations to the Commissioner, and to perform other duties as assigned by the
14 Commissioner; and

15 WHEREAS, again in 1939, the General Assembly passed an Act providing for the
16 appointment of the Chief Drug Inspector by the State Board of Pharmacy and transferring
17 the position from the Department of Agriculture to the Board of Pharmacy; and

18 WHEREAS, beginning in 1947, the General Assembly passed a series of Acts authorizing
19 the Chief Drug Inspector to hire assistant drug inspectors needed to assist with the duties of
20 the office; and

21 WHEREAS, in 1964, in response to the growing problems in this area, the General Assembly
22 passed another act granting the Chief Drug Inspector and his assistants the authorization and
23 powers possessed by sheriffs, thereby allowing them to arrest violators; and

1 WHEREAS, in 1976, as a result of a study by the State Merit System the name of the Office
2 of the Chief Drug Inspector was changed to the Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency; and

3 WHEREAS, since its origins in 1908, this agency has been led by only 14 men, all of whom
4 have been pharmacists; and

5 WHEREAS, the Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency is currently under the leadership of
6 Director Bill Atkins and Deputy Director Rick Allen, a pharmacist and former president of
7 the International Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association, and 2008 marks the agency's
8 100th year of inspecting, investigating, and enforcing the narcotic and drug laws of this state.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
10 recognize and honor the Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency on the occasion of its 100th
11 anniversary and commend its employees for protecting the health, safety, and welfare of
12 Georgia's citizens.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
14 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Director Bill Atkins.